

FOREST INSECT AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT UNIT
U.S. FOREST SERVICE
DORAVILLE, GEORGIA

REPORT OF AERIAL DETECTION SURVEY

LAND OWNERSHIP OR SURVEY AREA: DeSoto National Forest,
Leaf River Division

STATE: Mississippi

COUNTY:

AREA WITHIN SURVEY BOUNDARY: 339,759 acres DATE: 1/27/77

PERCENT COVERAGE: 25%

AIRCRAFT: Aero
Commander

CREW: R. F. Bassett
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SURVEY OBJECTIVES: The purpose of this survey was to
determine if significant pine bark beetle activity
is occurring on the Leaf River Division.

SURVEY RESULTS

A total of eight spots of red topped pines were found during the aerial survey. Only one spot contained more than two trees. It was located southeast of the intersection of routes 310 and 301 and contained approximately 20 trees. Several large areas of fire scorched pines were observed.

CONCLUSIONS

Pine bark beetle activity is at a low level on the Leaf River Division of the DeSoto National Forest. A follow-up ground evaluation will not be necessary.

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